

**REMARKS**

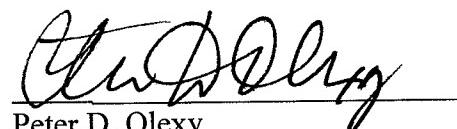
In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a feed additive comprising lactobionic acid or a lactobionic acid salt, with partial traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that if the Examiner is searching for a "feed additive" as set forth in claim 1, logically the search would encompass a feed as set forth in claim 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be drawn in part so that the restriction requirement will result in the election of an examination of Group I (claims 1-6) and Group II (claim 7).

Finally, claims 8, 9 and 10 are amended for purposes of rejoinder to depend from claim 1.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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